

Howland Wood - Curatorial

Gordon, John  
(Rio di Janeiro,

Brazil + NYC]

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18<sup>th</sup> July 1918.

141 BROADWAY  
NEW YORK

Howland Wood Esq  
American Humane Society

Dear Sir:

I was unlucky enough to miss seeing you when I called. I wished to get from you a list of coins of Brazil that you are specially desirous of obtaining.

While I cannot of course promise to obtain them

I have friends there  
who collect; and  
they may be willing  
to cede duplicates  
to me.

While my departure  
is not yet fixed, I  
may leave here  
very shortly.

Yours very truly  
John Gordon

July 19, 1918

Mr. John Gordon  
141 Broadway  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

I was very sorry not to have seen you when you came up here the other day and trust, if you find time, you will come up again before leaving. My assistant told me about making a list of wants in the Brazilian Series and I have prepared this. Here it is. You will note that we want nearly everything except copper. Before 1834 we are weak in nearly everything. Since that I have given a list of the pieces that we have.

Very truly yours,

Any gold coins except

½ Dobra of Maria & Peter III	
10000 reis	1838
10 mil. reis	1856
5 mil. "	1856
20 mil. "	1867

Which we have

Any silver coins before 1800

Any silver smaller than 960 Reis up to 1834

Any silver of Pedro I

Any silver of Pedro II dated 1833 or 34

We have the following only since 1834;

400 Reis	1834	500 Reis	1868
500 "	1851	200 "	1868
2000 "	1852	1000 "	1886
1000 "	1853	2000 "	1897
200 "	1857	2000 "	1900
1000 "	1859	500 "	1906
1500 "	1860	2000 "	1907
500 :	1865	2000 "	1913 Two varieties
200 "	1866	1000 "	1913 " "
		500 "	1913 Stars only

Copper coins wanted

Any with Mint Mark G for Goyaz S. P. and Minas Geras especially  
the 37½ and 75 reis.

Any private tokens and the Rio Grande do Sul pieces.

20<sup>th</sup> July 1918

141 BROADWAY  
NEW YORK

Howland Wood Esq.

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your letter of yesterday and for the list of coins. Some of these latter I think I can already promise you.

I shall do my best to call upon you before my departure.

Yours very truly  
John Gaddis

BNOB  
Caixa 1164

Rio de Janeiro

11<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1791

The Secretary  
New York Numismatic Society

Dear Sir:

By the hand of a friend I send you what I have collected since the receipt of your list, and I beg the Society's acceptance of the same.

You exclude 960  $\frac{1}{2}$  silver pieces; but I send you one or two. These coins are not uncommon now, but the low exchange is sending them rapidly to the melting pot; and I would ask you if the following are worth sending to you.  
Want 1800 large "B" over centre of armillary sphere  
Want on reverse; 1819 "R" within wreath; 1821 "R" within wreath;  
1824 "B" alongside date on rim; and "R" in  
half duc position; 1826 "R" alongside date on rim.  
I have also several so badly restamped as to be almost illegible in parts. Have these any interest? Does a hole made in a coin destroy its value for collections?

You might send me a fresh list of anything you specially need.

I am

Yours faithfully  
Phelgordou

WM. SETON GORDON  
COUNSELLOR-AT-LAW  
141 BROADWAY

April, 1921.

REGISTERED CABLE ADDRESS, "PURITAN."  
CODE USED : LIEBER'S A1 AND A. B. C.  
TELEPHONE CORTLANDT 3330

American Numismatic Society  
Broadway at 156 Street

Dear Sirs,

I have rec'd from my brother  
Mr. John Gordon of Rio de Janeiro a  
bag containing silver and copper  
South American coins, with instructions  
to deliver same to your society as a  
gift. - Will you kindly send a trusted  
agent to this office to receive and re-  
ceive for them early next week. Kindly  
phone me in advance, that I may remain  
in yours truly WM. SETON GORDON.

April 12th, 1921

John Gordon, Esq.  
Caixa 1164  
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Dear Sir:

This is but a hasty letter to acknowledge the receipt of the coins you sent us. We got these only this afternoon from your brother who informed us that he had only just received them. As I understand that the boat leaves tomorrow, I am dropping you this preliminary line.

Any of the 960 reis before 1816 we would like. Also the 1800 with large B. and the 1821 with R, within the wreath. The 1819 we have; also the 1824 B and the 1826 R.

As nearly all of these were struck over Spanish dollars, there is no especial significance in showing this striking. A holed or very poor coin does not interest collectors.

I have not as yet had time to but glance at the pieces you sent us; nearly all of these we are very glad to get - especially the 75 and 37½ reis pieces.

I will try in a few days to send you a list of all of the Brazilian pieces that we have.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E

Cairo 1164

John D. Bigelow

70 Broad St.

Broadway N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I have received your  
kind letter and of course  
would like to send you a copy.  
I am not quite sure what  
you want me to do, but I will  
try to guess what you mean and  
if you will let me know if I am  
right you will be very much  
obliged.

August 11th, 1921

John Gordon, Esq.  
Caixa 1164  
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

My dear Mr. Gordon:

Please pardon the delay in sending to you the list of the coins which you want. We have been extremely busy lately and it has been the most impossible for me to make up this list as soon as I had hoped.

The coins, unless otherwise stated, are the Rio mint. Cst. means 'counter-stamped'; and B, Bahia. The other letters I think you will know all right.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HM/E  
C.R.

## Parthian Coins in the Collection of the late G.W.

John V	1733	400 reis	12 mm
Maria & Peter	1777	1000 reis	26 mm
Peter II	1822	1000 reis	26 mm
- -	1826	" "	" "
n -	1856	5000 reis	19 mm
n -	1867	20000 reis	30 mm

Silver

John W. 400 miles above in Laramie, Colorado in 1880. Specimen  
No. 142001

Two sets of data were collected from each subject, one set during the first week of the study and one set during the second week.

Sabastian on 200 miles

smaller or possibly larger than the

Sept 11 1895 640 New Haven

1696 70

1678 630

John V 1929 329

Journal No. 1351 320

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*Victoria* 1793-1800

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THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY  
AUDUBON PARK  
156TH STREET, WEST OF BROADWAY  
NEW YORK

ORGANIZED 1858  
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The science of Numismatics treats of coins and medals of the present as well as of the past, and it is important that the facts relating to all medals be recorded at the time the medals are issued ; if neglected they are likely to be forgotten, and thus much valuable numismatic history may be lost. The medals last for all time, every medal has a history, and this, too, should be preserved.

The American Numismatic Society is keeping such a record of American Medals, and earnestly desires to obtain information regarding any medal that may be issued in the United States, no matter how insignificant the medal or how meager the information.

The points to be covered in a full account of a medal are :

1. Description—explaining every part of the design, and giving the inscriptions in full and exact size.
2. State if the medal is pierced for suspension or provided with any attachment for that purpose, and, if so, if any are issued unpierced or without the attachment, and the number so issued.
3. In what metals issued and number struck in each.
4. By whom issued, when, and for what purpose.
5. Name of designer or of die cutter.
6. What disposition has been made of the dies.
7. Any facts of interest, historical or otherwise.

The Society is an incorporated body, free of debt. Its collections are permanent and are displayed in its own fire-proof building, which is open to the public daily. Every American coin and medal should be represented in its cabinet, and thus rendered accessible to students of American numismatics and history now and for all time.

With this end in view, the Society would request the co-operation of all who take any interest in the preservation of historical records.

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Spanish Peru coinage sorted with some 960 c in mint for use.

John P.R. 1810 960 R. R. mint  
" " 1810 960 " B "  
" " 1813 960 " —  
" " 1815 960 " B "  
" " 1816 960 " B "  
" " 1816 960 " —

John VI 1818 960 " R "  
" " 1818 200 " —  
" " — 100 " —  
" " 1819 400 " —  
" " 1820 960 " R "  
" " 1820 960 " B "  
" " 1820 640 " R "

Sp American Peru Col. 960 c in mint for Cuzco abn.

John VI 1821 960 " R

Peter I 1824 960 " R n  
" " 1826 960 " R n

Peter II 1834 1200 Reis " "  
" " 1834 400 " —

" " 2000 Reis 1852 1855  
" " 1000 " 1853 1858 1859 1860 1863  
" " 500 " 1850 1851 1860 1861 1865  
" " 200 " 1854 1855 1857 1865 1866 1867  
" " with head 1000 Reis 1866  
" " " 500 " 1866  
" " " 200 " 1867 1868

Republic 500 Reis 1889, 1906 1913

" " 2000 " 1897 (head), 1900 (ship) 1907 (head) 1913 (2 vars).  
" " 1000 " 1913 (2 vars)

Copper unless otherwise indicated on Planchet

80 Reis 1812 1813 1815 (est 20) 1820 B 1820 M 1821 1822 B  
 1822 1824 1825<sup>B</sup> 1827 1827 est 40, 1828 SP, 1828 est 40  
 1828 C est 20 1828 C est 20 1829 1829 est 40, 1829 B  
 1829 B est 40, 1830 B 1830 est 40 1830 est M 1831  
 1831 est 40 1832 1832 est 40, 1832 est M XX  
 1832 est M

75 Reis 1818 M, 1821 M

40 Reis 1760 1762 1774 1778 1781 1786 1790 1796 1802  
 1802 1812 (B), 1816 B, 1817 B, 1818 1822 1824 est M,  
 1820 small, 1821 1822 1823<sup>1823 est 20</sup>, 1824<sup>1824 est 20</sup> 1824 est M, 1825  
 1825 (B est 20) 1826 1826 B 1826 est 20 1826 C, 1826 C est 10)  
 1827 1827 est 20 1827 B 1827 C 1828 1828 est 20 1828 est 10  
 1829 1830 1830 est 20 1830 C est 10 1832  
 head 1873 1874 1875  
 arms 1889

40 Reis est CEARA in olive

37½ Reis 1821 M 1825 M 1826 M

WHEREAS, at the Annual Meeting of the American Numismatic and Archaeological Society, held on the 16th day of March, 1891, a resolution was unanimously adopted in favor of securing a house for the use of the Society, and of raising the sum of \$50,000 for that purpose. And, whereas the following members of the Society, namely: Messrs. Andrew C. Zabriskie, H. Russell Drown, Herbert Valentine, Charles Pryer, William Poillon and Daniel Parish, Jr., were at said meeting appointed a Committee for the purpose of soliciting subscriptions towards such society house.

Now, we, the undersigned, hereby subscribe the sums set opposite our respective names here below, it being understood that our subscriptions shall only be binding upon us when the sum of \$40,000 is subscribed, and that such subscriptions shall be due and payable three months after said sum is subscribed (on notification from the Treasurer of the Society), or at such other time as may be specified by a subscriber in connection with his subscription.

And, when the amount of \$40,000 is payable, it shall be deposited at interest in one of the Trust Companies in New York City, until, in the discretion of the committee, a suitable house has been obtained.

*Cochlearia*

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20 Recs 1618 1713 1731 1732 1737 1740 1744 1746 1748  
1750 1752 1753 1754 1755 1756 1757 1758 1759 1760  
1761 1762 1763 1764 1765 1766 1767 1768 1769 1770  
head 1868 1869  
arms 1869 1893 1897 1899 1904 1908 1911

10 Recs 1749 1753 1774 1775 1781 1784 1786 1787 1799 1802 1803  
1805 1806 1808 1809 1810 1811 1812 1813 1814 1815 1816 1817 1818 1819  
1820 1821 head 1868 1869 1870

Unpublished material in the

5 Reis 1766 1768 1773 1774 1787 1790 1791

Nickel

400 Reis head 1901

200 Reis 1870 1884 1885 1887 1889 1893 1895  
head 1901

100 Reis 1871 1877 1888 1889  
head 1901

50 Reis 1886 1887 head 1910 1911

20 Reis 1918

August 25th, 1922

Touche Niven Co.  
42 Broadway  
New York City

Gentlemen:

Do you know or whether Mr. John Morris  
has returned to Brazil. If so is still in this  
country, you might see him soon or write to  
him?

Very truly yours,

Curator

W.H.

Nowland Wood Esq.  
acting Secretary

Rio  
3<sup>rd</sup> April 1923

Dear Mr. Wood: By the hand of a friend, Lower Ingfield, N.Y. who is passenger in the "Assaré", I send you:

one new silver ~~Rs. 27000.~~

one new bronze ~~Rs. 14000.~~

one new bronze ~~Rs. 14000.~~ which has "Basil" instead of "Brazil".

one new bronze ~~Rs. 500.~~

I am promised a 500<sup>rs</sup>-piece with "Basil", and shall send it when got.

Please accept them for the Society.

It is not yet clear if this mistake of "Basil" was intentional or not.

I have not forgotten the gold bar from Minas. I am trying to get one with the certificate, which is difficult but not impossible.

With kind regards, I am  
Yours sincerely  
John Gurdon.

# TELEPHONE CALL

A. M. .....  
P. M. ..... } Date.....

From Mr. ....

of .....  
Phone No. ....

For Mr. ....

Said:

Brown Highfield  
etc. don't chd  
H W 43.

And for your Printing, Engraving, Stationery and Office  
Supplies go to

**MILLER-HUTMACHER CO., Inc.**

57 Dey Street

New York City, N. Y.

Telephone Cortlandt 4712-3

Received by .....

Rec  
1895

Howard. Hood up.  
Being. Herksey

Dear Mr. Hood.

Kindly return of a  
pair, one in aged old & R.H. like  
the passenger in the train I  
closed you.

one silver dollar.

one new bronze. 10 francs.

one new bronze 10 francs which  
has "Brazil" on about of Brazil.  
one new bronze 10 francs

I have forwarded a 50 cent piece  
with "Brazil", and shall send  
it when got.

also accept them for the  
Society.

It has yet to be seen if this  
mistake of Brazil was intentional  
or not.

Have not forgotten the gold box  
from Florida. Your fixing to go  
on with the certificate, which  
is difficult but not impossible.

With kind regards, Yours  
most sincerely  
Howard Hood

April 18th, 1923

John Gordon, Esq.  
C/o Messrs. E. Gordon & Company  
Rio de Janeiro, S.A.

Dear Mr. Gordon:

Your letter just received, and I am looking forward to the arrival of the coin which you are sending up by Commander Inglesfield. We greatly appreciate your continued interest in our welfare.

Very truly yours,

Curator

H.E/T

May 5th, 1923

John Gordon, Esq.  
C/o Messrs. E. Gordon & Co.  
Rio Janeiro, Brazil

Dear Mr. Gordon:

We have received from Commander Inglesfield  
the coins which you very kindly sent to the Society  
through him, and I want to thank you again very  
much for your thought of us. We are very glad in-  
deed to add these pieces to our Cabinet.

Appreciating your continued interest in the  
Society, I am

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/

21<sup>st</sup> Feb. 1924

The Secretary  
Am. Numismatic Society  
Broadway at 156th Street  
New York.

Dear Sir:

By the kindness  
of Mr. George W. Chester -  
Prag. Consul General at  
Baltimore, I am able  
to send to you the  
500 reis piece "Basil"  
I promised you some  
time ago.  
Please accept with it  
my thanks for the  
sent to me.

I am  
Yours faithfully  
Philander

Rec  
21<sup>st</sup> Feb. 1924

The Secretary  
for "Humanistic Society"  
Broadway at 156<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York.

Dear Sir. — By the kindness  
of Mr. George W. Gleiter —  
Pres. Board General of  
Religious Education, I am able  
to send to you the  
soothing food of Glass.  
I enclose you some  
from a large gift  
my family gave me  
last week.

17 Stan St.

No 314

March 19th, 1924

George W. Chester, Esq.  
Rm. 514, 17 State Street  
New York

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly deliver to  
bearer the coin from Mr. John Gerdorff  
of Rio de Janeiro.

Very truly yours,

Curator

March 22nd, 1924

John Gordon, Esq.  
C/o Messrs. E. Johnson & Co.  
Rio do Janeiro, Brazil, S.A.

Dear Sir:

We have received through Mr. George  
W. Chester the 500 reis piece "Brazil", which  
you have so kindly sent to the Society. We  
are very glad to add this piece to our Cabinet  
and I beg that you will accept the Society's  
sincere thanks for your kind thought.

Very truly yours,

Curator

Alo  
15<sup>th</sup> April 1844

Holland Wood Esq.  
Rev. Theological Society  
New York

Dear Sir:

I thank you for  
your letter of 22<sup>d</sup> March.  
In response I am sending  
you some of the stamps you  
ask for.

If I can get a friend  
aboard the steamer to take  
charge of the letter, I shall  
put into it a 75 reis piece  
of 1819 M. for the Society.  
If not, I shall send  
the stamps only; for the  
coin would not reach you  
by mail.

Yours sincerely

P.S. I can — and shall if you  
so desire it — send you always  
more of the common red ~~200~~  
for purposes of exchange

J.G.

May 13th, 1924

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Kinsolving  
The Princess Anne Hotel  
Ocean Front at 25th St.  
Virginia Beach, Va.

Dear Sir:

I beg to thank you very much for  
kindly forwarding the letter addressed  
to me from Mr. John Gordon. This has  
safely come to hand, and I greatly ap-  
preciate your courtesy in the matter.

Very truly yours,

Curator

May 21st, 1924

JohnGordon, Esq.  
Rio de Janeiro, S.A.

Dear Mr. Gordon:

Many thanks for the 75-reis piece and the stamps,  
which came safely to hand the other day. Do not bother  
to send me more of the red 200-reis as I have sufficient  
for exchange and have but little opportunity for trading.  
Nevertheless, I greatly appreciate your kindness.

With kind regards, and renewed thanks, I am  
Very truly yours,

Curator

J. T. Veltre

Cairo 116

Nowland Wood <sup>14<sup>th</sup> May 1925  
New York.</sup>

Dear Sir:

On the fraud of  
a friend Mr. H. H. Troop, who  
is a passenger in the "Veltre"  
I send you some samples  
of the 1924 coinage he has  
which please accept for  
the Society's collection.

I am still hoping to  
obtain a piece of stamped  
Mincas gold with the accom-  
panying certificate of payment  
of the Royal Quinto.

I can get the gold without  
the certificate or the certificate  
without the gold; but I hope  
to get both. There is a collec-  
tion on sale as a whole, but  
it may be broken up in  
the end; and in that case  
I think I can get what we  
want.

Yours sincerely  
John Jordan

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2<sup>d</sup> letter  
per "Postris" 11<sup>th</sup> May 1925

Dear Mr. Wood:

Mr. Troop  
will let you know  
by telephone where  
to send and catch  
the letter with the  
three coins.

Yours sincerely  
John L. Gardner

Howland Wood Co.  
New York

"Southern Cross"

Rio

25th May 1925

Dear Mr. Wood:

My friend  
Mr. Troop has delayed his  
journey; and will sail in  
the "Voltaire" from here on  
3<sup>rd</sup> inst. arriving in N.York  
about the 16th June.

He will leave the letter  
with the coins at the  
Canadian Shipping Agency  
25 South William Street  
with orders for delivery to  
your representative.

Yours sincerely  
John Gordone

# CANADIAN SHIPPING AGENCY, INC.

TELEPHONE BROAD 2366

25 SOUTH WILLIAM STREET  
NEW YORK

CABLE ADDRESS

"CANENGENCY, NEW YORK"

IN REPLY REFER TO

66340/6-1-6-

June 20, 1925.

The American Numismatic Society,  
Broadway & 155th St.,  
New York City, N. Y.

Attention of Mr. S. P. Noe, Secy.

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Gentlemen:

In accordance with your letter of the 19th inst. we are sending you under separate cover by registered mail coins received by us from Brazil to be forwarded to your Society.

Very truly yours,  
CANADIAN SHIPPING AGENCY, INC.,

By

S. R. Hendry

CLAIM AGENT.

SRH/ADC.

June 23, 1925

Mr. John Gordon  
Caixa 1164  
Rio de Janeiro  
Brazil

Dear Sir:

I beg to thank you for the three coins that you sent up through Mr. Troop. These came to hand the other day. We had none of these and consequently we are glad to get them.

I beg to thank you also for your attention in trying to locate one of these Minas gold bars accompanied by a certificate.

Very truly yours

H.W.C.

Curator

June 23, 1925

Canadian Shipping Agency  
25 South William Street  
New York City

Gentlemen:

We beg to acknowledge receipt of the coins sent to us from Brazil by John Gordon.

These came up through Mr. Troop.

Very truly yours

H W C

Curator